



FABIAN NUÑEZ

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

June 22, 2004

Liane M. Randolph, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Candidate-Controlled Ballot Measure Committees (Agenda Item #17)

Dear Chairman Randolph and Commissioners:

I am writing to support the Commission's proposal to apply contribution limits to candidate-controlled ballot measure committees. These types of ballot measure committees have been used to evade the provisions of Proposition 34, and imposition of limits imposed by Proposition 34 is consistent with the intent of California voters who enacted that measure.

Any regulation adopted by the Commission in this area should apply equally to all candidates who control ballot measure committees. Otherwise the Commission will be placing some candidates (such as legislators) at a disadvantage to others (such as the governor or other statewide officers) in exercising their right to political speech on the same ballot measure. The limit contained in Government Code Section 85303(b) reflects the will of the voters in enacting limits on statewide organizations and seems appropriate as a limit for candidate-controlled ballot measure committees.

I urge the Commission to adopt a regulation imposing contribution limits on candidate-controlled ballot measure committees at the June meeting so that it will apply in the November 2004 General Election.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Fabian Nuñez in black ink.

FABIAN NUÑEZ
Speaker of the Assembly